



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

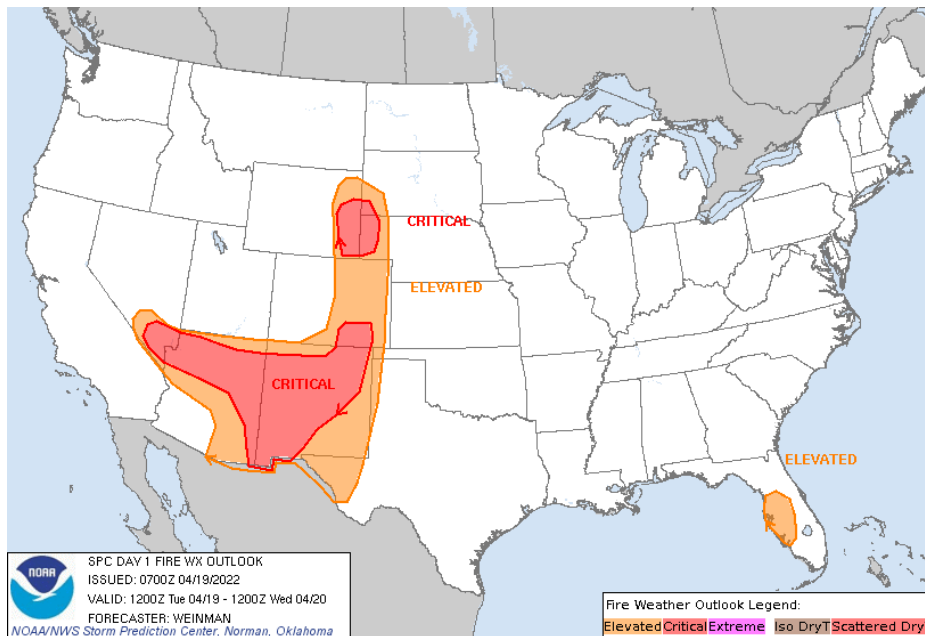
New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	April 19, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 18 to 8:00 AM April 19, 2022
Report Number	33

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received no new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Monday, April 18. Elevated fire weather conditions are forecasted for the far western edge of the Texas Panhandle and far west Texas today.

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/19 to 7AM 4/20.



Weather - Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Southwest into the southern High Plains

As the enhanced deep-layer westerly flow overspreads the Southwest and southern High Plains, efficient diurnal heating/mixing of a dry antecedent airmass will result in widespread 10-15 percent minimum RH. These dry boundary-layer conditions, combined with sustained westerly surface winds of 20-30 mph atop dry/receptive fuels will support critical fire-weather conditions.

On April 17, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for wildfires in Texas.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.
(Complete Statement Here)

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

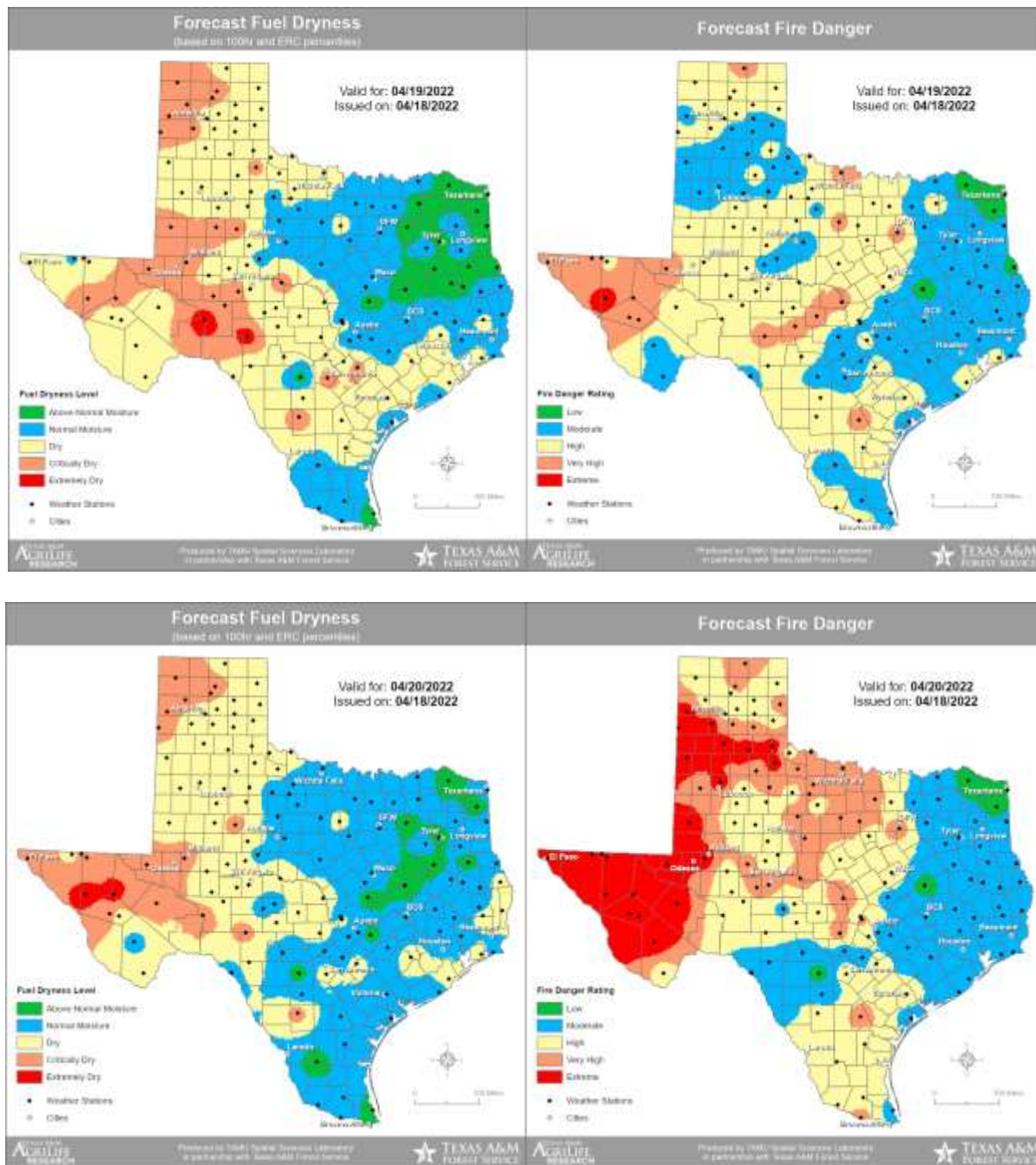
On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state.

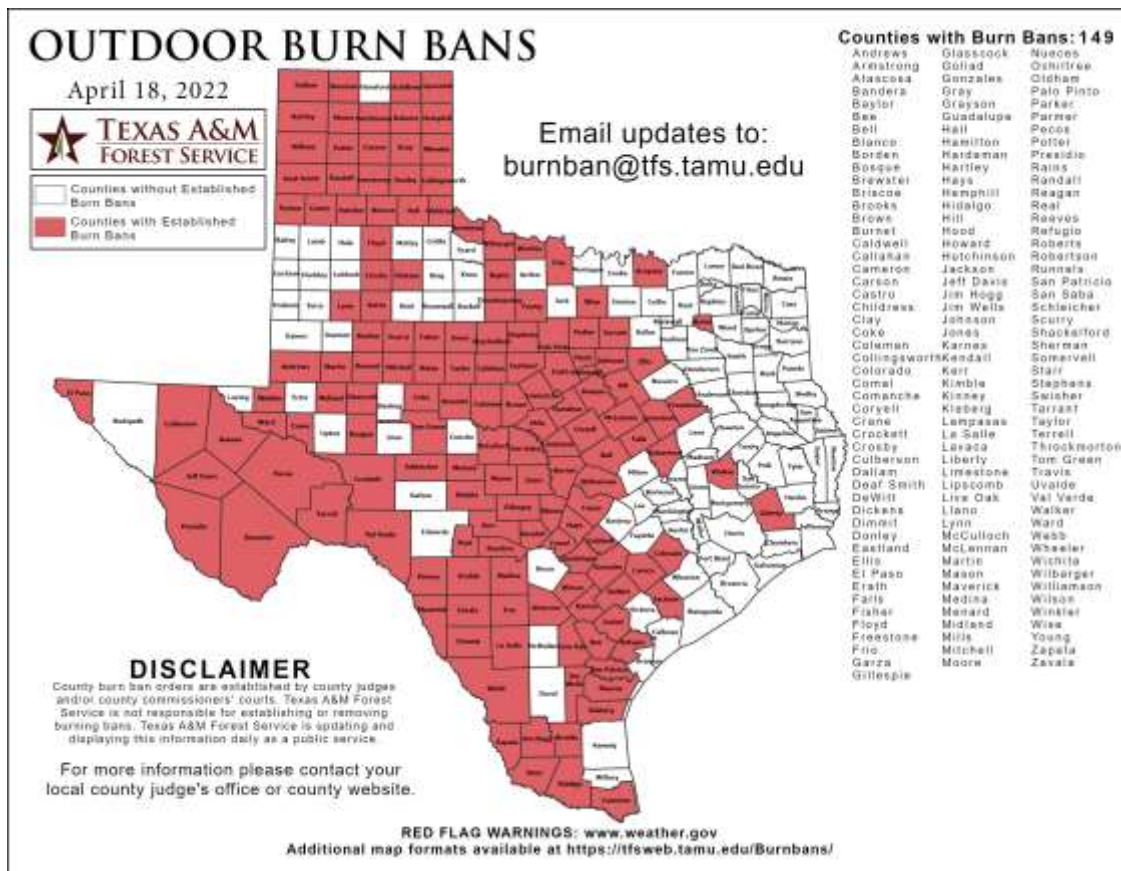
On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources. Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



There are currently 149 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 9B - Fort Stockton (Includes: Crane, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, and Ward Counties)

Pecos County: Kimberly: 19 acres – 100% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 3 - Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Young, Wilbarger and Wichita Counties)

Foard County: Easter Day: 228 acres – 95% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

Haskell County: Stag: 1,060 acres – 100% contained.

Nolan County: Nina Lucia: 564 acres – 90% contained.

Taylor County: Easter Blues: 414 acres – 75% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18B – Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen, and Wilson Counties)

Bexar County: Training Area 23: 3,005 acres – 100% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Planning meetings between local

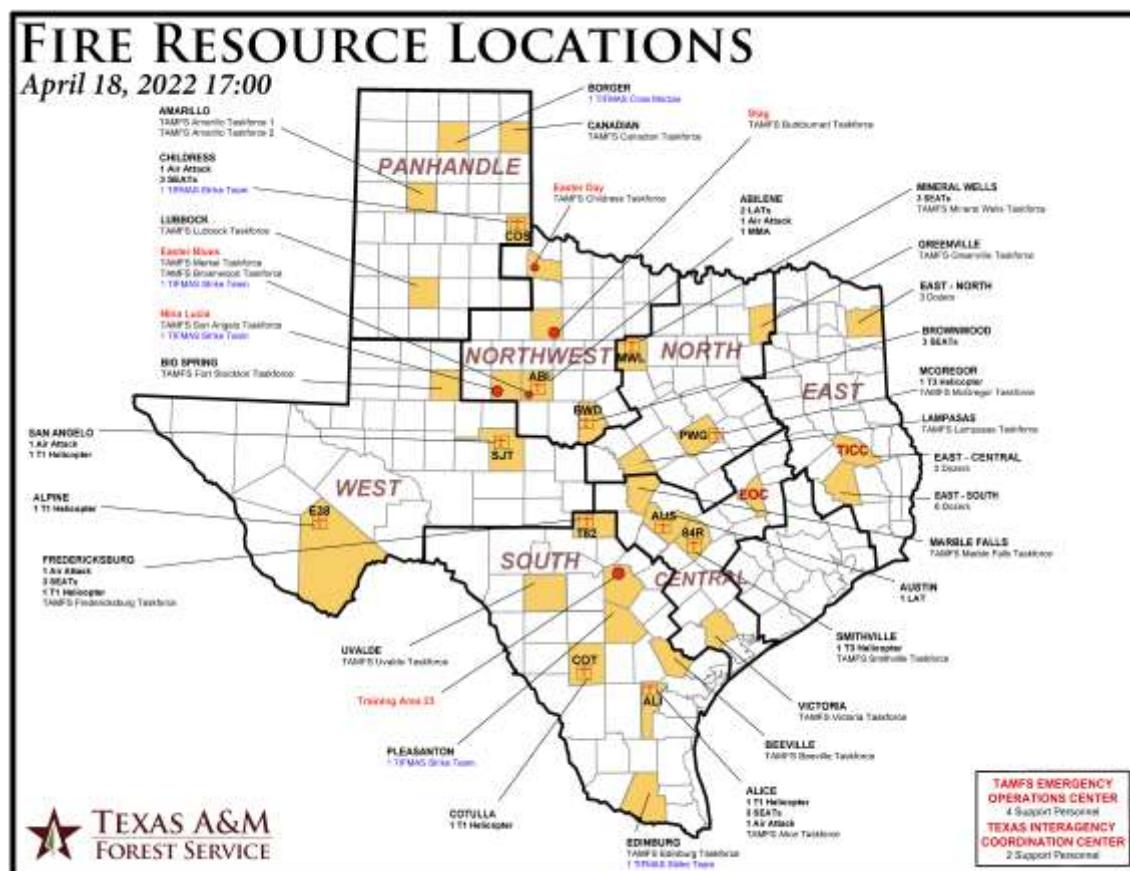
jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT): The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care from the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): AgriLife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 from the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS received no new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Monday, April 18. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages are on awareness from EMTF's 1 & 9.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): TXDPS continues to staff the remote SOC to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD continues supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires in Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is providing two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		4	Available	Abilene, Austin

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TAMFS	Air Attack (AA)		5	Available	Abilene, Alice, Childress, Fredericksburg, San Angelo
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		5	Available	Alice, Alpine, Cotulla, Fredericksburg, San Angelo
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		15	Available	Alice, Brownwood, Childress, Fredericksburg, Mineral Wells
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		2	Available	McGregor, Smithville
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST) 136	18	5	Available	Big Spring
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 142	17	6	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 144	10	5	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 145	18	5	Available	Marble Falls
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 146	14	5	Available	Childress
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Adobe Wall Module 143	6	4	Available	Borger
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station, Merkel
TIFMAS	Overhead	1	1	Available	Brownwood
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	16	2	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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